SRA FILE # 848-7001 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

BANCO POPULAR DOMINICANO, C. POR A.,

Plaintiff and Counter-Claim Defendant,

Docket #: 07 Civ. 6443 (LTS) (THK)

-against-

LEVI STRAUSS & CO.,

ANSWER TO THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINT WITH CROSS-CLAIMS

Defendant and Third Party Plaintiff.

-against-

INTERAMERICANA APPAREL COMPANY, INC.; INTERAMERICANA PRODUCTS INTERNATIONAL, S.A.; QST DOMINICANA LLC: US PAPER & CHEMICAL; APPAREL MACHINERY & SUPPLY CO.; YKK SNAP FASTENERS AMERICA, INC; SOUTHERN TEXTILE DOMINICANA INC.: INDUSTRIA CARTONERA DOMINICANA, S.A. (SMURFIT): THE GRAPHIC LABEL GROUP DOMINICANA, INC.; AND TAG-IT PACIFIC, INC.,

Third Party	Defendants
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Third-Party Defendant, YKK SNAP FASTENERS AMERICA, INC. ("YKK"), by its attorneys, STRONGIN ROTHMAN & ABRAMS, LLP, answering the Third-Party Complaint, states as follows:

- 1. Denies any knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph "1" of the Third-Party Complaint.
- 2. Admits each and every allegation contained in paragraph "2" of the Third-Party Complaint.

- 3. Admits each and every allegation contained in paragraph "3" of the Third-Party Complaint.
- 4. Denies any knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph "4" of the Third-Party Complaint.
- 5. Denies any knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph "5" of the Third-Party Complaint.
- 6. Denies any knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph "6" of the Third-Party Complaint.
- 7. Denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph "7" of the Third-Party Complaint. However, Third-Party Defendant YKK submits to the jurisdiction of this Court for purposes of this action only.
- 8. Denies any knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph "8" of the Third-Party Complaint.
- 9. Denies any knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph "9" of the Third-Party Complaint.
- 10. Denies any knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph "10" of the Third-Party Complaint.
- 11. Denies any knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph "11" of the Third-Party Complaint.
- 12. Third-Party Defendant YKK does not contest the jurisdiction of this Court.
  - 13. Third-Party Defendant YKK does not contest the venue of this action.

- 14. Third-Party Defendant refers all questions of law to the court at the trial of this action.
- 15. Denies any knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph "15" of the Third-Party Complaint.
- 16. Denies any knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph "16" of the Third-Party Complaint.
- 17. Denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph "17" of the Third-Party Complaint except admits that YKK commenced a proceeding in the Dominican Republic against INTERAMERICANA to recover money that INTERAMERICANA owed and still owes.
- 18. Third-Party Defendant refers all questions of law to the court at the trial of this action.
- 19. Denies any knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph "19" of the Third-Party Complaint.
- 20. Denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph "20 of the Third-Party Complaint except admits that an action was commenced in this District.
- 21. Denies any knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph "21" of the Third-Party Complaint.
- 22. Denies any knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph "22" of the Third-Party Complaint.
- 23. Denies any knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph "23" of the Third-Party Complaint.

24. Denies any knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph "24" of the Third-Party Complaint.

> THIRD-PARTY DEFENDANT YKK SNAP FASTENERS AMERICA, INC. ("YKK"), AS AND FOR A CROSS-CLAIM AGAINST THE CO-DEFENDANTS, INTERAMERICANA APPAREL COMPANY, INC.; INTERAMERICANA PRODUCTS INTERNATIONAL, S.A., ALLEGES AS **FOLLOWS:**

- 25. From on or about September 2006 through and including February 2007 third-party defendants YKK and Interamericana entered into a series of sales agreements whereby YKK sold goods to Interamericana.
- 26. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the sale YKK shipped or caused to be shipped goods to Interamericana in Santiago, Dominican Republic.
  - 27. The goods were received by Interamericana.
- 28. YKK invoiced Interamerican for the goods it shipped to Interamericana and that were received by Interamericana.
  - 29. The total amount due from Interamericana is \$108,976.70 (USD).
  - 30. YKK has demanded payment from Interamericana.
- 31. Interamericana has not paid and refused to pay YKK \$108.976.70 (USD).
- 32. YKK has incurred attorney's fees and costs in its efforts to recover from Interamericana the money it owes.

WHEREFORE, Third-Party Defendant, YKK SNAP FASTENERS AMERICA, INC., demands judgment in its favor on the Third-Party Complaint, together with attorneys' fees, costs and disbursements. Third-Party Defendant YKK also demands judgment on its cross-claim against INTERAMERICANA awarding it damages in the sum of \$108,976.00 plus interest, costs, and attorneys fees.

Dated:

New York, New York October 10, 2007

Yours, etc.

STRONGIN ROTHMAN & ABRAMS, LLP

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STATE OF NEW YORK

, SS.:

COUNTY OF NEW YORK )

LYUDMILA TIMOSHENKO, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is not a party to this action, is over the age of 18 years, and resides in Middlesex County, New Jersey. That on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007 she served the within **ANSWER TO THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINT WITH CROSS-CLAIMS** upon:

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by depositing a true copy of same securely enclosed in a post-paid wrapper in an official depository under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Federal Express Office within the State of New York, by Overnight Mail.

LYUDMILA TIMOSHENKO

Sworn to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007

NOTARY PUBLIC

HOWARD-F. STRONGIN Notary Public, State of New York No. 02ST4758421

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